

SCHEDULE 5 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.3.2 Proposal Considerations & General Design Guidelines

Town Staff and the Applicant are expected to consider the following guidelines in order to evaluate potential impact of the proposed structures:

- Telecommunication towers and related facilities are encouraged to locate in accordance with setbacks provided through the Town Zoning By-law, where possible.
- The proposal does not conflict with the policies of the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, the Region of Halton Official Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and any other applicable provincial and municipal policies.
- Development within lands considered environmentally significant as set out in the Town's Official Plan, including lands within the Greenlands and Natural Heritage System with natural features and significant vegetation, hazard lands, and areas of topographical prominence, shall demonstrate there to be no negative impact on the natural features or their related ecological functions.
- Ample landscaping is encouraged to mitigate potential visual impact.
- Sites within non-residential areas, such as those within Employment Areas, Major Commercial Areas, Agricultural Areas and Protected Countryside Areas are favoured, with locations chosen that maximize setbacks from residential areas to the extent possible, given other locational considerations.
- Locations outside prime agricultural areas are encouraged, where possible. Alternatively, locations on lower priority agricultural lands, in prime agricultural areas, are encouraged. Impacts on Settlement Areas and clusters of rural residential developments outside of Settlement Areas should be considered.
- Where and antenna location is proposed on a property within proximity to residential areas or schools, setbacks are to be maximized to the extent possible, given other locational considerations.
- Tower designs which mimic other features such as light standards and trees, or that can be incorporated into the design of buildings or structures are encouraged, particularly within and in close proximity to a Settlement Area as defined in Section 9.0 of this Protocol, Hamlet Community Cores, Downtown Areas and clusters of rural residential development outside of Settlement Areas.
- A monopole or stealth design will be given preference in areas in close proximity to residential and institutional uses. Structures with colocation capacity will be preferred for lands within Employment Areas, Agricultural Areas and Protected Countryside Areas.
- Fencing of the facility shall use materials that are compatible and appropriate to the surrounding land uses.

- New equipment shelters shall require architectural and design treatments that are compatible with the surrounding community.
- Only signage as required by Industry Canada related to the telecommunication facility is to be posted on the facility.
- Proposals for new telecommunications facilities within designated urban expansion lands as shown on Schedule 'A' will not be supported by the Town until Secondary Plans are finalized.
- Sites which contain buildings of heritage significance as set out in the Town's Heritage Register are discouraged as locations for telecommunications towers and facilities.